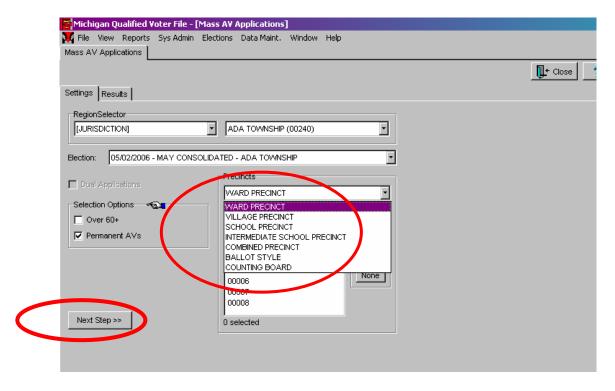
Chapter 6 - Absentee Voter Module

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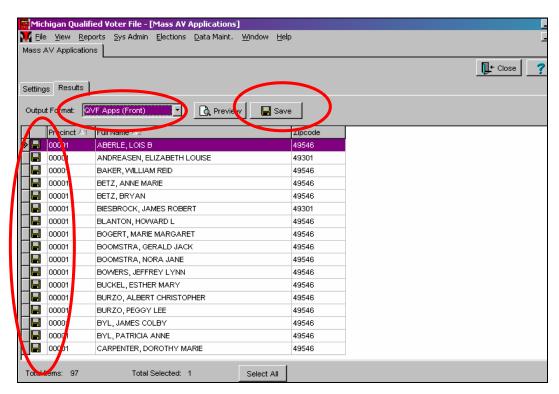
Mass Production of AV Applications:



This feature allows you to generate AV Applications in mass for everyone on your permanent AV list or everyone aged sixty and older. Users may choose one or both options for creating mass AV Applications.

Action	Result
From File click on Mass Applications.	The <i>Mass AV Applications</i> screen appears.
In the fields at the top of the screen verify	Use the same region selection that was used
that the Region is correct.	to create the election you are working with.
In the <u>Election</u> field choose an election. You may want to run a dual application for both the general election and the primary. The system will allow you to put a checkmark in the box for dual applications if you choose a general election in the election field.	

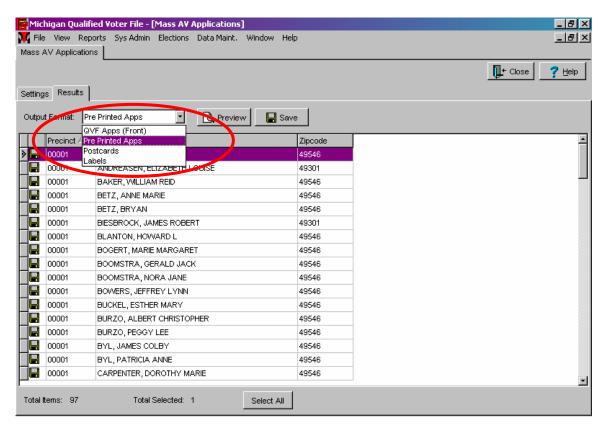
Action	Result
Selection Options allow you to generate applications for everyone on your permanent AV list, and/or everyone 60 years of age and older. Click on one or more of the Selection Options.	The software will generate a single application for each voter matching the selected criteria. Duplicate applications will not be generated if a voter is both 60+ and on the permanent AV list.

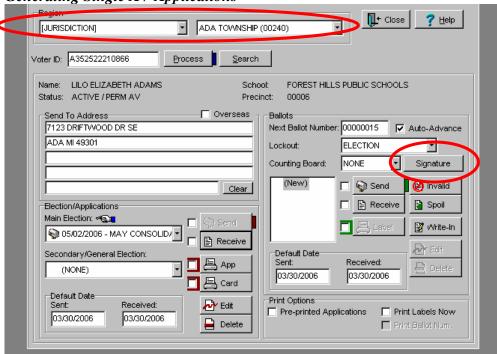


When AV applications are generated in mass, you must click on the *Save* button to have the system record in the voter's individual record that an application was sent. When you save the record, the symbol of a disk will appear next to each saved record. AV Applications will not be generated for voters with a "Ch" (Challenge) status. QVF generated AV Applications are designed for mailing in window style envelops. If you prefer, you can generate mailing labels or use the postcard applications.

Action	Result
Under <u>Precincts</u> , you can click on the dropdown menu and choose to print your applications by ward/precinct, assorted districts, counting boards or ballot styles.	When you make your selection of the grouping you want to print, the related listing will show in the selection window. You can choose to print all or a part of the applications at one time.
Click on Next Step.	The <i>Results</i> screen appears.

Action	Result
Choose your <u>Output Format</u> . There are 4 different formats in the dropdown menu.	AV Applications print on 8.5 x 11 in. paper. AV Postcards print name, address, and a bar code on a self- mailer. Labels will produce mailing labels with precinct numbers and bar codes.
Choose What to Print.	Complete Form will print the complete application on blank paper. Pre-Printed will print only unique information on vendor supplied pre-printed forms.
	You must select <u>Preview</u> in order to print the applications. You may then choose <u>Print Now</u> , <u>Save the applications to a disk or send the applications to the Local Report Queue.</u>





Generating Single AV Applications

AV application, ballot processing and tracking may be performed from the *AV Scan Screen* as described below. Or, if you prefer, these functions can be performed from the *Voter Registration Main Screen*. If you click on the [Absentee] button in the *Voter Registration* screen you will see a screen that is very similar in appearance to the *AV Scan Screen*. The procedures for using both screens are detailed below. Be aware that [Process] buttons perform the functions checked. However, you can also click directly on a button to perform the function. As you perform actions in the *AV Scan* or *Absentee* screens, small graphic symbols will appear in the <u>Election</u> fields or the <u>Ballot</u> box. A small mailbox means that a ballot or application has been sent. A small sheet of paper means that an application or ballot has been received.

If you are using the QVF to store digitized signatures, you are able to access those signatures from the *AV Scan* screen by clicking on the [**Signature**] button.

Action	Result
From File click on AV Scan.	The AV Scan screen appears.
	The <i>AV Scan</i> screen is divided into two main areas: one for tracking AV Applications and one for tracking AV Ballots.
Verify that the <u>Region</u> is correct. You should select the same region that was used to create the election. Select the <u>Election</u> from the drop down list on the left side of the screen. To generate dual applications, select both a primary and a general election.	The [Search] button becomes enabled.

Action	Result
In the <u>Election/Applications</u> area, put a check mark next to <u>Send</u> .	
If you wish to batch multiple applications and print them at a later time put a check mark next to either <u>App</u> or <u>Card</u> .	If you select <u>App</u> or <u>Card</u> , an application will be sent automatically to the <i>Local Report Queue</i> .
If you wish to print applications immediately, or if applications are to be sent to an alternative address do not check <u>App</u> or <u>Card</u> .	
Verify that the <u>Default Date</u> in the <u>Sent</u> field is correct.	Note: There are several other <u>Default Dates</u> on the screen that you do not need to be concerned with at this time.
Click on the [Search] button in the upper right corner of the screen.	The <i>AV Search</i> screen appears. You can use this screen to search for a voter using any combination of <u>Last Name</u> , <u>First Name</u> and <u>Ballot #</u> .
Enter your search criteria in the appropriate field, and then click on the [Search] button.	A name or list of names that meet your search criteria will appear in the grid.
Highlight a name in the grid and click on the [Process] button. (Clicking on the [Select] button returns you to the AV Scan screen without performing any of the checked off functions.)	You are returned to the <i>AV Scan</i> screen. The voters name and ID number will appear in the two fields at the top of the screen. The voters mailing address will appear in the <u>Send To Address</u> area.
	A notation that an AV Application was sent will be added to the voters record.
	An application is sent to the <i>Local Report Queue</i> .
If the application is to be mailed to an alternative address do not put a check mark next to <u>Send</u> .	When you click on the [Select] button in the <i>AV Search</i> screen, the voter's information populates the <i>AV Scan</i> screen, but the application is not sent to the <i>Local Report Queue</i> .
Click on the [Clear] button and enter the alternative address in the Send To Address fields.	
Click on the [Send] button (not the check box).	The application record is created.

Action	Result
In the <i>Print AV Application Form</i> screen select <u>Print Now</u> or <u>Print later</u> , and <u>Pre-Printed Form</u> or <u>Complete Form</u> . Then click on the [OK] button.	The AV Application will print now or will be sent to the <i>Local Report Queue</i> to be printed later.

Once a record of the AV application is created (and later the AV ballot), detailed information about the application or ballot issued may be viewed or changed from the edit screen.

Receiving AV Applications and Creating Ballot Records: The **AV Scan** screen allows you to document the receipt of an AV application by scanning a bar code or by searching for a voter by name. You are also able to track AV ballots and generate mailing labels in the same screen.

Once a ballot sent date is entered into the QVF, the Voting History is automatically posted to the voter's record and the voter's name is added to the AV List (List of Absent Voters).

Action	Result
From File click on AV Scan.	The AV Scan screen appears.
Verify that the <u>Region</u> is correct. Select the <u>Election</u> from the drop down list on the left side of the screen.	The [Search] button becomes enabled.
Put check marks next to the tasks that you wish to perform.	If you want to document the receipt of an application and that a ballot was issued and sent, put check marks next to Application:
Applications: Receive Ballots: Send Label	Received, Ballots: Send, and Label if you wish to generate a mailing label.
Verify that the default dates are correct for <i>each</i> task being performed.	If the ballot is to be sent to an alternative mailing address, do not put a check mark next to <u>Label</u> .
If you are assigning ballot numbers, enter the first ballot number that you are working with in the Next Ballot Number field.	As AV ballots are processed, the ballot numbers will advance automatically in sequence from the first ballot numbered entered.
Then put a check mark next to <u>Auto-Advance</u> if you want ballot numbers assigned in numeric sequence.	
On the right side of the screen, choose a Lockout option from the drop down list.	Lockout: Election prevents you from assigning duplicate ballot numbers for an election within the jurisdiction.
	Lockout: Precinct prevents you from assigning duplicate ballot numbers within the same precinct.

Action	Result
	Lockout: Counting Board prevents you from assigning duplicate ballots numbers to the same counting board. Counting boards must be set up prior to issuing AV ballots.
In the Counting Board field, choose None if you have not set up AV counting boards. To assign AV ballots to a counting board choose Auto or a specific counting board. Verify that the cursor is in the Voter ID field. Scan the bar code on the AV application if a bar code is available.	Lockout: None allows you to issue the same ballot number as many times as you wish. As you create the AV ballot record, the ballot will be assigned to the counting board you specified, or Auto will assign the ballots based on the counting board association (the precinct or district the voter lives in). The voter's name and ID number will appear in the two fields at the top of the screen. The voter's mailing address will appear in the Send To Address area in the upper left corner of the screen.
	A notation that an AV Application was received and an AV Ballot was sent will be added to the voters record. If you checked <u>Label</u> , the mailing label is sent to the <i>Local Report Queue</i> .
If you are storing signatures in the QVF, check the signature on the AV application by clicking on the [Signature] button.	The voter's <i>Signature</i> screen displays.
If the ballot needs to be sent to an alternative mailing address, do not put a check mark next to <u>Label</u> .	
After you show that a ballot has been sent to a voter, click on the [Edit] button. In the <i>Edit</i> screen enter the new mailing address and click on the [OK] button.	You are returned to the <i>AV Scan</i> screen.
Click on the [Label] button.	The message will appear: "Ballot label has been sent to the Local Report Queue."
If the <u>Send To Address</u> is correct, scan the next application received, etc.	The receipt of an application and issuance of a ballot are documented on the voters record and AV List as you process each application.
If you want the AV ballot mailing label to print immediately, put a check mark next to Print Labels Now in the lower right corner of the screen. Place a check mark next to Print	When you click on the [Label] button, the

Action	Result
Ballot Num. if you want ballot numbers to	ballot label will be sent to your designated
print on the labels.	single label printer and prints immediately.

Receiving AV Applications Without Bar Codes

Action	Result
From File click on AV Scan.	The AV Scan screen appears.
The <i>AV Scan</i> screen is divided into two main areas, one for tracking <u>AV Applications</u> and one for tracking <u>AV Ballots</u> . Verify that the <u>County</u> and <u>Jurisdiction</u> are correct. Select the <u>Election</u> from the drop down list on the left side of the screen.	The [Search] button becomes enabled.
Put check marks next to the tasks that you wish to perform. Applications: Receive Ballots: Send Label	If you want to document the receipt of an application and that a ballot was issued and sent, put check marks next to Application: Received, Ballots: Send, and Label if you want to generate a mailing label.
Verify that the default dates are correct for each task being performed.	
If you are assigning ballot numbers, enter the first ballot number that you are working with in the <u>Next Ballot Number</u> field.	As AV ballots are processed, the ballot numbers will advance automatically in sequence from the first ballot numbered entered.
Then put a check mark next to <u>Auto-Advance</u> if you want ballot numbers assigned in numeric sequence.	
On the right side of the screen, choose a Lockout option from the drop down list.	Lockout: Election prevents you from assigning duplicate ballot numbers for an election within the jurisdiction.
	Lockout: Precinct prevents you from assigning duplicate ballot numbers within the same precinct.
	Lockout: None allows you to issue the same ballot number as many times as you wish.
In the Counting Board field, choose None if	As you create the AV ballot record, the ballot

Action	Result
you have not set up AV counting boards. To assign AV ballots to a counting board choose Auto or a specific counting board.	will be assigned to the counting board you specified, or <u>Auto</u> will assign the ballots based on the counting board association (the precinct or district the voter lives in).
Click on the [Search] button in the upper right hand corner of the screen.	The <i>AV Search</i> screen will appear. You can use this screen to search for a voter using any combination of <u>Last Name</u> , <u>First Name</u> and <u>Ballot #</u> .
Enter your search criteria in the appropriate field, then, click on the [Search] button.	A name of list of names that meet your search criteria will appear in the grid.
Highlight a name in the grid and hit the [Process] button. (Clicking on the [Select] button will return you to the <i>AV Scan</i> screen with out performing any of the functions checked off.)	You are returned to the <i>AV Scan</i> screen. The voters name and ID number will appear in the two fields at the top of the screen. The voters mailing address will appear in the <u>Send To Address</u> area in the upper left corner of the screen.
	A notation that an AV Application was received and an AV Ballot was sent will be added the voters record.
	If you checked <u>Label</u> , the mailing label is sent to the <i>Local Report Queue</i> .

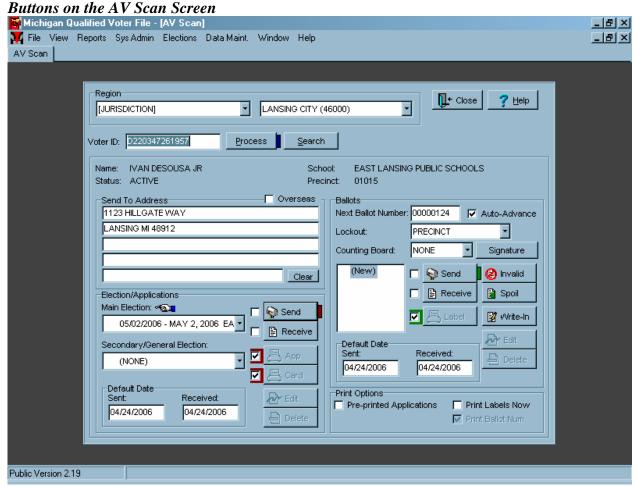
Accounting for Spoiled Ballots

Action	Result
From File click on AV Scan.	The AV Scan screen appears.
On the <i>AV Scan</i> screen verify that the <u>County</u> and <u>Jurisdiction</u> are correct. Select the <u>Election</u> from the drop down list on the left side of the screen.	The [Search] button becomes enabled.
Make sure you have no check marks next to any of the buttons on the <i>AV Scan</i> screen, then, bring up a voter by either scanning a bar code or by using the search function.	The voters name and status fill in at the top of the screen. The ballot number issued to the voter will appear in the box beneath <u>Lockout</u> with a small mailbox next to it.
On the right side of the screen click on the [Spoil] button.	The small mailbox next to the ballot number changes to a small piece of paper with a green mark on it. This is the symbol for a spoiled ballot.
	Beneath the spoiled ballot number, there is

Action	Result
	now a gray bar with (NEW) in it.
You can now click on the [Send] button to issue a new ballot.	In the box beneath <u>Lockout</u> the new ballot number issued appears with a mailbox next to it.

Documenting the Return of AV Ballots

Action	Result
From File click on AV Scan.	The AV Scan screen appears.
The <i>AV Scan</i> screen is divided into two main areas, one for tracking the <u>AV Applications</u> and one for tracking the <u>AV Ballots</u> .	The [Search] button becomes enabled.
Verify that the <u>Region</u> is correct. Select the <u>Election</u> from the drop down list on the left side of the screen.	
Put a check mark next to <u>Receive</u> in the <u>Ballots</u> area on the right side of the screen.	
Verify that the <u>Ballot Received Default Date</u> is correct, then, click in the <u>Voter ID</u> field.	The cursor will move to the <u>Voter ID</u> field.
Scan the bar code on the outside of the AV return envelope. If you do not have a bar code, use the search	The voters Name, ID and Address will appear in the fields at the top of the AV Scan screen. All AV tracking information entered for the voter will also appear.
function to find the voter and click on the [Process] button.	A notation that the AV Ballot was returned will be added to the voters record.



General Setup: (Buttons at the top of the screen)

[Close] - Returns you to the *QVF Main Desktop*.

[Help] – Will assist you in the use of AV Scan

[**Process**] - Performs the functions checked elsewhere on the screen.

[Search] - Produces the *AV Voter Search* screen, allowing you to find voters using last name, first name or ballot number. (See *AV Voter Search* screen below.)

[Clear] - Clears the <u>Send To Address</u> fields, allowing you to enter a different mailing address for either applications or ballots.

Applications: (Left side of the screen)

[Send] - Creates the application record. Captures the <u>Send To Address</u>, saves the date the application was <u>Sent</u> and enters a graphic symbol in the <u>Election</u> field.

[Receive] - Saves when the application was <u>Received</u> and enters a graphic symbol in the <u>Election</u> field. This information prints on the AV List.

[App] - Allows you to print a single AV application either now or later, using blank or preprinted stock.

[Card] - Allows you to print a single AV application either now or later using pre-printed post card stock.

[Edit] - Produces the *AV Application* screen, allowing you to view the application record or to make changes to the application record. Included on the *AV Application* screen are address the application was mailed to, status of the application (sent or received) and the dates of sending or receipt.

[Delete] - Allows you to delete the application record.

Ballots: (Right side of the Screen)

[Send] - Creates the ballot record. Captures the <u>Send To Address</u>, saves the date the ballot was <u>Sent</u> and enters a graphic symbol next to the ballot number. This information prints on the AV List.

[Receive] - Saves when the ballot was <u>Received</u> and enters a graphic symbol next to the ballot number. This information prints on the AV List.

[Label] - Will print, either now or later, a ballot mailing label. Two labels will print if the mailing address is different from the residential address.

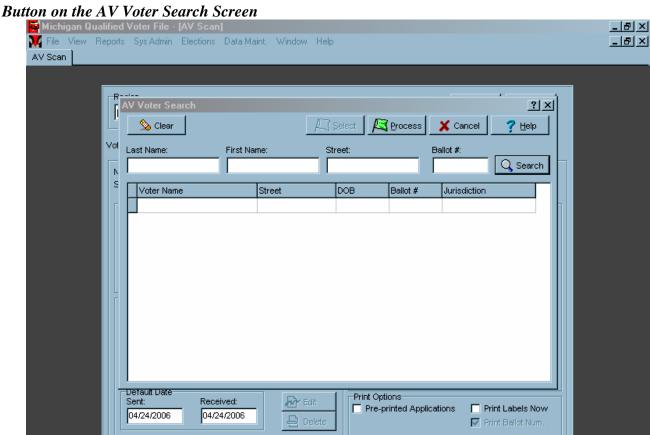
[Invalid] - Marks a ballot that should not be counted. Puts a red circle and slash over a received graphic symbol. Enters a "Y" in the Invalid column on the AV List. You are prevented from issuing the voter another ballot.

[Spoiled] - Marks a ballot that should not be counted. Puts a green mark on a received graphic symbol. Enters the spoiled ballot number in the Spoiled column on the AV List. You can issue this voter another ballot.

[Write In] - Not operational at this time.

[**Edit**] - Produces the *AV Ballot* screen, allowing you to view the ballot record or to make changes to the ballot record. Included on the *AV Ballot* screen are address the ballot was mailed to, status of the ballot (sent or received) and the dates of sending or receipt.

[**Delete**] - Allows you to delete the ballot record.



[Clear] - Deletes information from the entry fields.

[Select] - Returns you to the AV Scan screen without performing any of the functions checked on the AV Scan screen.

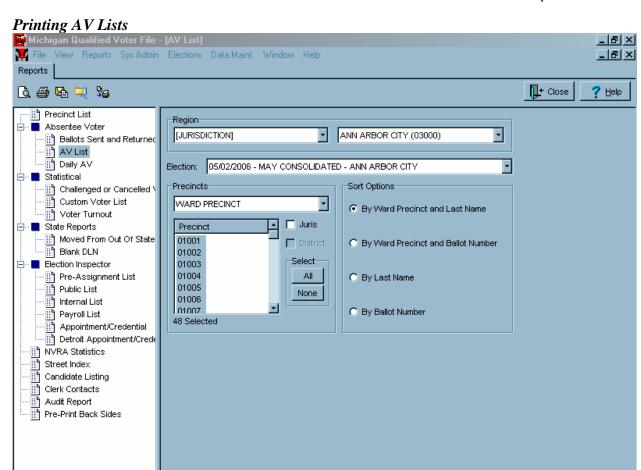
[Process] - Returns you to the AV Scan screen and performs any of the functions checked on the AV Scan screen.

[Cancel] - Closes the *Search* screen and returns you to the *AV Scan* screen.

[Help] - Not operational at this time.

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[Search] - Performs a voter search based on the criteria specified in the entry fields.

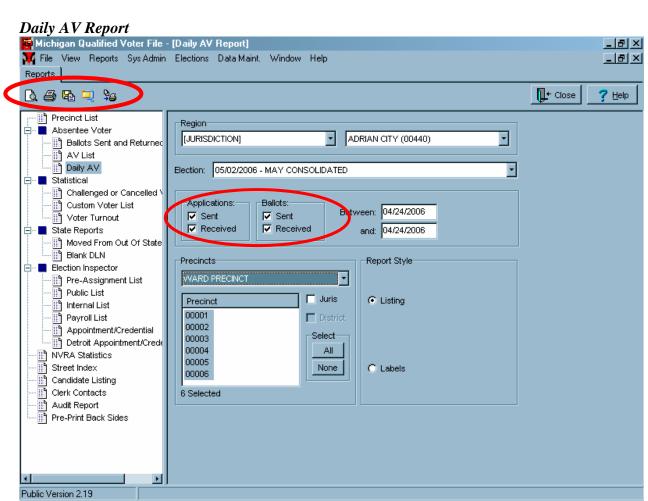


You can print a list of voters who have received an AV ballot by producing an AV List. Included on the AV List is the voter's name, mailed to address, date the application was received, date the ballot was mailed, and date the ballot was received. In addition, spoiled ballots and invalid ballots are also accounted for on the AV List.

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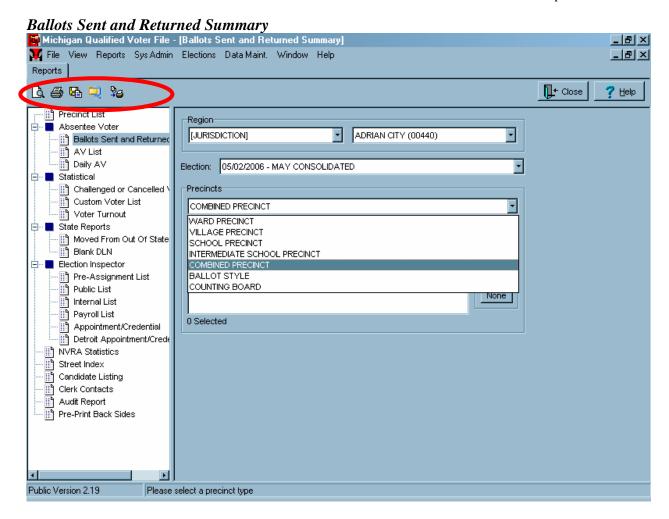
Action	Result
From the QVF Main Desktop go to <i>Reports</i> , <i>Absentee Voter</i> and click on <i>AV List</i> .	The AV List screen is displayed.
Choose the region that was used to create the election and then choose the Election for which you want a list of AV voters. Tabs allow you to run the AV list either by ward/precinct, village precinct, school precinct, intermediate school precinct, combined precinct, ballot style, or counting board.	The AV list will only include voters who have been issued a ballot for the indicated election. The region or regions that are associated with this choice will be displayed.
You may run the AV List for single or multiple precincts, ballot styles, etc.	The AV list will only include voters in the regions that have been highlighted.

Action	Result
The AV list can be sorted in various ways by making a choice in the <u>Sort Options</u> box.	The AV list will sort based on the criteria specified.
Choose Print Now, Print Later, Print in PDF format or Print to File and click on the [OK] button.	The AV list will start printing immediately or will be sent to the <i>Local Report Queue</i> . You are then returned to the <i>QVF Main Desktop</i> .



You can produce a cumulative or daily list of who has been sent AV ballots that will show the voters name and mailing address. This can be produced as either a report or as mailing labels. This is the only place in the QVF where mass AV applications are documented.

Action	Result
From the menu in the <i>QVF Main Desktop</i> go to <i>Reports</i> , and click on <i>Daily AV</i> .	The <i>Daily AV Report</i> screen is displayed.
Make a selection from the dropdown menu under <u>Precincts.</u>	You may select from the associated region types: ward/precinct, village precinct, school precinct, intermediate school precinct, combined precinct, ballot style, or counting board.
The QVF has the capability of running a list based on any combination of AV applications sent and returned and AV ballots sent and returned. What will appear on the list is based on what is checked off in the <u>Applications</u> and Ballots boxes.	
Establish the criteria for your report by putting check marks next to the items you want on your list. You can choose from: Applications Sent and Received and Ballots Sent and Received.	Voters who received over the counter AV Applications and/or voters who received an AV Ballot will appear on your list.
The <u>Between:</u> and: fields allow you to run your AV report based on a range of dates or a single date. Enter the beginning date that you want your report to reflect in the <u>Between</u> field. Enter the ending date that you want your report to reflect in the <u>And</u> field. If you want a report for a single date, enter that date in both fields.	The <i>Daily AV Report</i> will run based on the dates entered.
Tabs allow you to run the Daily AV Report by various region/types Click on the Precincts dropdown menu and select your preference.	A list of items will be displayed based on your selected preference.
Highlight the item or items in the display window. The listing will be different based on your selected preference above. If you want to run a list for a specific portion of your grouping, highlight only those desired items by clicking on the [None] button and then clicking on the specified precincts/counting boards.	Only your selected item will be highlighted.
In the Report Style box choose Listing or Labels. Select the preferred Report Options from the icons on this screen.	Listing produces a list of names and addresses. Labels will produce mailing labels. Your report will start printing immediately or be sent to the <i>Local Report Queue</i> and you are returned to the <i>QVF Main Desktop</i> .



With the *Ballots Sent and Returned Summary* you can produce a report that lists the total number of AV ballots issued, the total number of AV ballots returned on time and the total number of AV ballots returned late. This list will also break down the AV ballots by numerous region selections.

Action	Result
From <i>Reports</i> go to <i>Absentee Voter</i> and click	The Ballots Sent and Returned Summary
on Ballots Sent and Returned Summary.	screen is displayed.
Choose the region that was used to create the	
election and then choose the <u>Election</u> for which	
you want to run the report.	
Tabs allow you to run the Ballot Sent and	A list of associated precincts, combined
Returned Summary for single or multiple	precincts, etc. is shown.
precincts, ballot styles, etc.	
The [Select All] button highlights all of the	Only the information for the highlighted
precincts or counting boards. The [Select	selections will be included in the report.
None] button removes the highlighting from	_
all of the precincts or counting boards. You	
can highlight individual precincts/counting	
boards by clicking on them.	

Action	Result
Under Print Options choose either Print Now	The report will start printing immediately or
or Print Later and click on the [OK] button.	will be sent to the <i>Local Report Queue</i> and
	you are returned the <i>QVF Main Desktop</i> .